

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200**  
**August 10, 2011**

The first regular meeting of the month of August of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at the School Service Center, 130 W. Park Avenue, Wheaton, IL, by Board President Rosemary Swanson, on Wednesday, August 10, 2011, at 7:30 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members:      Rosemary Swanson  
                              Barbara Intihar  
                              Joann Coghill  
                              Jim Gambaiani  
                              Andy Johnson  
                              Jim Vroman

Absent:                 Ken Knicker

Also in Attendance: Dr. Brian Harris  
                              Mrs. Faith Dahlquist  
                              Mr. Bill Farley  
                              Mr. Rodney Mack  
                              Mrs. Joanne Panopoulos  
                              Dr. Robert Rammer

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Colin Wilkie led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

The Board recognized the Whittier Destination Imagination team and coaches. The team went to the Global Finals and finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the category of drama challenge. Whittier Principal Chris Silagi stated that the students learned skills in the areas of problem solving, team work and creative thinking skills. These students are well prepared for their futures because of this experience. Mr. Silagi thanked the parents and coaches for their involvement in their children's education.

The district has been working on energy education and savings across the district for a few years. Ms. Karen Mullins from Energy Education presented a National Energy Star Top Performers award to the district. District 200 is part of 25% of all buildings in the nation for energy conservation. Mr. Colin Wilkie stated that this is a people based program and all employees

contributed to this success. District 200 has saved \$2.3M in three years with a 26% reduction in total usage.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items**

President Swanson stated that while the Board appreciates all questions and comments, it may not be prepared to respond at this meeting. Speakers were asked to confine their comments to three minutes or less. To ensure dignified and respectful presentation of all sides of any issue, it is asked that audience representatives refrain from applause or other expressions of support or opposition to comments being made.

Speaker	Kelly Weber
Topic	PTA Donations

### **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Harris reported the following:

- This year registration across the district has used online registration. Most people have been very successful with the process.
- The district will be offering all day kindergarten at nine buildings this year and will be paid for using grant money and tuition making this a cost neutral program.
- Enrollment numbers are coming together. Buildings are staffed very tight for budget reasons. So far 3.5 FTE have had to be added at the elementary level. Staff is watching other areas that are approaching the target enrollment caps.
- A choice program has been offered at Johnson School since they did not make AYP in a couple of sub-groups. A letter was sent to all Johnson parents informing them about choice and inviting them to a meeting to explain the situation. Sixty parents attended to hear the presentation and 28 students have requested a transfer to Bower or Wiesbrook schools. Mr. Farley is working with the transportation company to provide busing in an efficient manner. Because of the number of students requesting a transfer, one teacher will be transferred out of Johnson School and moved to an opening created at another school. Staff is watching to see if the federal government is going to change the rules on AYP. If the law is not changed, several schools will be in this same situation next year. If that happens, Title I money would have to be used to pay for busing of students instead of paying teachers, which is an unintended consequence of the law. It was reported that 80% of schools in Illinois did not make AYP this year.
- The district has been informed by the Capital Development Board that the district is in line to receive \$14.5M from the 2003 referendum program and that this money could be received soon.
- Yesterday the State Superintendent sent an email reporting that general state aid is at 95% for this year. That means about \$270,000 less for the district and that the state will not send the last payment of the year if the money is not there to cover.
- The Wheaton Chamber of Commerce and District 200 sponsored an ice cream social today that was held at Whittier School. Through the work of Erica Foreman and the Chamber, 350 backpacks and \$650 were collected for District 200 students that do not get supplies because their family cannot afford to purchase them. The Noon Rotary Club donated 250 backpacks.

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Gifts from the PTA's and High School Booster Clubs - Recommend the acceptance of the gifts as presented.
2. Approval of the NSBA Dues – Recommend the approval to pay the annual NSBA dues in the amount of \$5,750 as presented. **This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.**
3. Approval of Native Heritage Spanish 1 Curriculum – Recommend approval of the curriculum as presented and posted.
4. Approval of Materials for Native Heritage Spanish 1 Class – Recommend the approval of the materials as presented and posted.
5. Approval of the Renewal of Scantron Achievement Series Subscription – Recommend the renewal of Santron as presented.
6. Approval to Purchase Replacement Copiers and Associated Service and Maintenance Contracts – Recommend approval of Canon Business Solution as the copier vendor and authorize staff to enter into a lease agreement for new copiers as presented.
7. Approval of Long Term Disability & Life Insurance Coverages – Recommend the approval of the Life and LTD policies with Lincoln Financial as presented.
8. Approval of Health Insurance Administration – Recommend approval of the renewal with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for medical claims administration, PPO network and specific aggregate insurance coverage, and PBA for administration of Dental & FSA as presented.
9. Approval of a Resolution with the Capital Development Board – Recommend approval of the Capital Development Board resolution as presented.
10. Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Wheaton for School Liaison Officers for 2011-12 – Recommend approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement as presented.
11. Approval of Resolution Establishing Fund Balance Classification Policy for GASB 54 Reporting Purposes – Recommend approval of the resolution as presented.
12. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Recommend approval of the bills payable and payroll reports as presented.
13. Approval of Minutes – June 30, 2011 Open and Closed, July 13, 2011 Open and Closed, and Approval to Destroy the Recordings of Closed Sessions Prior to March 2010 as Allowable by Law - Recommend that the minutes be approved as presented and the approval to destroy the closed session recordings as permissible by law. The closed session minutes will remain closed.
14. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

Member Gambaiani requested that the Approval of the NSBA dues be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate action.

Member Vroman asked for clarification on the police liaison contract with the City of Wheaton. Dr. Harris stated that this has been in place for many years and the officer spends their entire day in the high school working with staff and deans and administrators to work with issues and ward off bigger problems.

Member Gambaiani asked questions about the Approval to Purchase Copiers and Associated Service and Maintenance Services. Mr. Rod Mack responded to the questions and stated that the Canon bid is lower than the Konica bid. With this purchase, the district will be able to bring a lot of the color coping back in house for a substantial savings.

## **MOTION**

Member Intihar moved, Member Coghill seconded to accept the Consent Agenda, minus the Approval of the NSBA Dues, as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

## **ACTION ITEM**

### Approval of the 2011-12 Board Goals

Annually the Board of Education develops goals for the school year. At the July 13, 2011 Board meeting, the Board discussed goals for the 2011-12 school year. The proposed goals were attached to this report. While drafting and finalizing these District and Board Goals, the committee reviewed and discussed at length all of the goals Board Members proposed and presented at the Board meeting of July 13, 2011. All of the proposed goals were given serious consideration in drafting the 2011-2012 goals. While all of the proposed goals had merit, the committee did not include all of them in the final draft for very deliberate reasons. It was concluded that some goals that were proposed identified programs or considerations that the District, Board or Superintendent may undertake and implement to achieve a broader goal. The committee also came to believe, as the result of detailed discussions with the Superintendent, that some of the other goals addressed programs and measures that could not realistically be accomplished within the next year, but merited further review, study and consideration. The committee explained the deliberative process used to develop the goals.

It is recommended that the Board approve the 2011-12 Board goals as presented.

The Board reviewed and had a discussion about the goals and all were in support.

## **MOTION**

Member Johnson moved, Member Intihar seconded to approve the 2011-12 Board Goals as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### Approval of the 2011-12 Superintendent Goals

Annually the board of Education must approve the goals for the Superintendent. These goals become a part of the superintendent's evaluation. The proposed goals were attached to this report. While drafting and finalizing these Superintendent Goals, the committee reviewed and discussed at length all of the goals Board Members proposed and presented at the Board meeting of July 13, 2011. All of the proposed goals were given serious consideration in drafting the 2011-2012 goals. While all of the proposed goals had merit, the committee did not include all of them in the final draft for very deliberate reasons. It was concluded that some goals that were proposed identified programs or considerations that the District, Board or Superintendent may undertake and implement to achieve a broader goal. The committee also came to believe, as the result of detailed discussions with the Superintendent, that some of the other goals addressed programs and measures that could not realistically be accomplished within the next year, but merited further review, study and consideration. The committee explained the deliberative process used to develop the goals.

Once approved, these goals will become part of the Superintendent's contract.

It is recommended that the board approve the 2011-12 Superintendent Goals as presented.

The Board reviewed and discussed the goals and all were in support.

## MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Vroman seconded to approve the 2011-12 Superintendent goals. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### Approval of an Agreement to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Lease Agreement with the Wheaton Park District

In January of 2010 the school district and park district entered in to an intergovernmental agreement for use of the gyms at the former Hubble Middle School. As part of the agreement the park district agreed to pay a portion of the utility costs at the site. The former Hubble Middle School property is now under contract for sale. The purchaser has a due diligence period which could take up to a year. Currently the school district houses a portion of our facilities department on-site, as well as the park district operations.

Attached to the report was a copy of the original agreement as well as the proposed addendum. Under the addendum the park district would assume the total costs for utilities. In addition, the park district would cover the costs for the maintenance and repairs associated with, and necessary for the operation of the gym spaces.

The school district will relocate facility staff to other locations in the district. Storage and disposition of assets on the property will occur over the coming months.

It is recommended that the Board approve the Amendment to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Lease Agreement with the Wheaton Park District as presented.

## MOTION

Member Intihar moved, Member Johnson seconded to approve the Amendment to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Lease Agreement with the Wheaton Park District as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### Approval of the NSBA Annual Dues

The National Association of School Boards represents the interests of over 2300 school districts nationwide and provides all Board members with opportunities for professional development. As school board members, it is important to model the fact that we value continuous personal and professional renewal. Membership in the state association and the national association provides renewal opportunities and models our commitment to professional development. It is time to renew the membership for the 2011-2012 school year.

It is recommended that the Board of Education renew its membership in the National School Boards Association and approve the dues in the amount of \$5750.00

Mr. Gambaiani stated that the dues seems quite high to him from his perspective and he cannot support this expenditure. Other Board members expressed their support of the dues being paid. The following reasons were given for support:

- It is a good avenue to work with others across the nation to address federal education issues.
- All organizations need to be outward thinking and reaching. The Board owes it to their constituents to have their voice heard and it is a great way to keep learning from others.

- The more we can show what a great district we are the better we can attract great people to be teachers and administrators to work in our district.
- District 200 has presented at national level and these experiences give us the opportunity to model what our students need to learn.

## **MOTION**

Member Johnson moved, Member Coghill seconded to approve the renewal of the membership in NSBA as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, (Johnson, Coghill, Intihar, Vroman, Swanson) NAY 1 (Gambaiani). **The motion carried 5-1.**

## **WRITTEN REPORTS**

### FOIA Report

### Student Information System RFP Update

These reports were provided for information only.

## **DISCUSSION ITEM**

### 2011-12 Budget

Mr. Farley gave an update on the proposed budget and highlighted changes since the last presentation. With the changes, the budget is still balanced. There are four topics that staff needs direction from the Board on how to proceed. The areas are: 1) Possible General State Aid Proration, 2) State Construction Grant, 3) Proceeds from Sale of Central/Hubble Property, and 4) Use of Remaining Hubble Referendum Proceeds.

The Board discussed these areas and reached consensus on the following:

- 1) Possible General State Aid Proration  
The amount in the proposed budget will be kept flat until further information is received from the state.
- 2) State Construction Grant  
Wait to adopt the budget until the September 14 Board meeting to see if any additional information is available prior to that date. If no information is available by September 14, the money will be placed into the budget as a place holder.
- 3) Proceeds from the Sale of Central/Hubble Property  
There are several ways this money can be used. When the closing happens, staff will report back on possible ways to expend the money.
- 4) Use of Remaining Hubble Referendum Proceeds  
There is approximately \$1M left in the Hubble Referendum money. The Board can either transfer the money to other funds, or spend it on other things at Hubble; however, there are no pressing items needed for Hubble right now. The Board agreed to hold the funds where they are until the long term plan is in place for the financial stability of the district. This money can be used if there is an emergency or an opportunity that the money should be used for.

## **REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Member Vroman reported that he attended the August 5 IASB Resolutions Committee hearing on the proposed resolutions from District 200. The committee accepted the resolutions on interest from the state on late state payments and moving the RIF decision to 60 days after the state appropriations bills become law. The committee did not accept the resolution on school consolidations.

President Swanson reported that the application for the IASB Board Governance Award has been completed and is being submitted.

President Swanson stated that Dr. Harris had sent an email to the Board members that suggested the Chance to Chat sessions be changed from the current format. Dr. Harris suggested that two of the sessions be held at each high school at a time that students would be able to come and talk with the Board and one in the spring instead of one of the Committee of the Whole meetings. The Board agreed to try a new format since there has been low attendance using the current schedule. Dr. Harris will work with the high school principal to set dates for the meetings at each of their buildings.

President Swanson reported that she attended a presentation given by Franczek Radelet regarding SB 7. This change in law puts more weight on teacher evaluations and changes the process for reduction in force and recalls. Recalls will be based on evaluations and not just tenure or seniority. It also limits the unions' right to strike.

### **TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION**

Adoption of the 2011-2012 Budget

### **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

August 24, 2011 – SSC

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION**

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Intihar moved, Member Vroman seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the District 5ILCS 120/2(c)(4). Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0.

**The motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 9:47 PM.

No action is expected following the closed session.

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**Ken Knicker, Secretary**

**Rosemary Swanson, President**